

which does not, in every issue, make a laughing stock of the "principles of ethics." Nearly every issue tends to debauch the mind of some members; it recommends to them to make use of or prescribe secret remedies. It uses about \$15,000 of the dues paid in by members to help in its work of "promoting the use of secret remedies." The trustees of the A. M. A. are responsible. "Their contention, that it is not possible to determine which ads. are ethical and which are not, is simply absurd, puerile and idiotic. Let them answer these simple questions: Is it a medicine? Is the composition of this stuff known to the doctor who is asked to prescribe or use it? Are the advertising statements made within the truth? Is it advertised to the laity?"

[The *Charlotte Medical Journal* reprints the above from the *Virginia Medical Semi-Monthly*, and comments on it as follows:]

The above is taken from the *Virginia Medical Semi-Monthly*, and expresses in part our opinion. The whole cause of the bad ethics so often seen scattered through the reading matter and advertising pages of the *Journal* is due to Dr. Simmons, and not to the trustees of the Association. He is a cunning politician and a typical commercial gentleman. As long as he has control of the Association journal it will succeed financially, but will never take a decent stand ethically.

[The *Virginia Medical Semi-Monthly* has observed the editorial opinion of the *Charlotte Medical Journal*, and in a subsequent issue makes the following comment thereon:]

The *Charlotte Medical Journal* may now look out for exclusion from further mention under the head of "Current Medical Literature" in the *Journal A. M. A.* Such would seem to be a way of "setting down on" journals that refuse to bend the knee in servitude to that mighty power in the land.

PUBLICATIONS.

Surgical Treatment of Bright's Disease.—By GEORGE M. EDEBOHL, M. D. Published by Frank F. Lisiecki, New York, 1904.

The skepticism aroused by the author's former publications, all of which are reproduced in the present volume, and the widely divergent views held by numerous accepted authorities in this country and abroad explain the eagerness with which Edebohl's book was awaited by both the physician and the surgeon. The physician who, not without apparent reason, protested against the invasion of his domain, expected more accurate clinical data, more careful and complete case histories; the surgeon, mindful of Harrison's and Pousson's pioneer efforts, and versed in the modern therapy of pyogenic renal affections, expected the results of definite tests upon which positive diagnosis could be based; the pathologist who rightly relegated the term Bright's disease to musty text-books demanded biopsic, chemic and microscopic evidence. All have been disappointed. The perusal of Edebohl's book leaves an impression of incompleteness, difficult to explain and still more difficult to excuse in the light of present-day knowledge.

In the majority of case-histories, the diagnosis of renal degeneration is based on the most flimsy evidence. The well-known form of transitory renal congestion is called chronic nephritis; forthwith bilateral decapsulation is performed, and the patient's recovery is heralded as a cure.

The clinical evidence and the urinary findings in several of Edebohl's successful cases vividly recall the class of *curable albuminurias*—the cyclic, the physiologic and the mild albuminuria induced by fatigue, corporal or cerebral—(Sterling, Tessier, Leube). The great frequency of functional, intermittent albuminuria is entirely overlooked by Edebohl in computing the results of decapsulation. The unreliability of diagnoses based on urinary findings (Tessier, Cabot) seems to have been forgotten.

As an example of the author's process of reasoning, his remarks on Case II, page 54 (acute right pyelonephritis with miliary abscesses; decapsulation of right kidney), may be quoted:

"I feel satisfied that my patient would have done just as well without operation, although in that event the diagnosis would have been open to doubt." "Pus, although in gradually diminishing amount, is still present in the urine. She is taking hexamethylene tetramin constantly since the operation."

In Case III, page 56 (acute hemorrhagic nephritis; decapsulation of both the kidneys at one sitting), Edebohl says: "Possibly both kidneys would have recovered full health without surgical interference. To the writer's mind the case represented an instance of bilateral acute nephritis of the most acute type cured by renal decapsulation."

Among the case-histories one may recognize that of a brilliant surgeon of the northwest who made one of the most enthusiastic defenses of decapsulation in chronic nephritis, relating clinically and in great detail his personal observation, and triumphantly announcing his cure. Not many months later the surgeon in question died of uremic coma. The latter detail has been omitted from Edebohl's published record. Page after page of clinical history demonstrates a remarkable lack of modern knowledge concerning the reaction of the kidney to functional and toxic disturbances. It may interest those who advocate decapsulation in uremic coma to learn that, according to Edebohl, no immediate effect should be expected from decapsulation; improvement seldom occurs before 8 or 10 days.

On the other hand, the author is to be commended for the accurate and thorough review of the experimental work relating to the effects of decapsulation, mentioning the results obtained by the French school, all of which were confirmed one year later by Johnson of San Francisco and numerous Italian experimenters. One leaves the book with the firm conviction that instead of assisting the cause of surgery in renal therapy, Edebohl's latest publication will cause many minds, both medical and surgical, to view its future with suspicion.

D. T.

The International Medical Annual for 1905.—Thirty-five (35) contributors. Edited by E. B. TREAT & Co., 241 West Twenty-third street, New York. Price \$3.00.

To compile a resumé of the advances made in medical treatment during 1904, and to place the same before the profession in a concise, practical form, is no small undertaking.

Often conciseness may mean superficiality, and in medical literature this is shown in the increased demand for compends and books of similar character which only touch the "high places" of the subjects described. Owing to the enormous extent of literature which it is necessary to cover in a book like the "Medical Annual," conciseness is especially required, yet it precludes a certain amount of medical knowledge to be in the possession of the reader, which it aims to supplement; for instance, in the description of a drug its popular indications are not mentioned or suggested, while an unexpected use may be explained. As a practical, work-a-day book it certainly is a success, and while it has a distinct foreign flavor, as one might expect when we note that only four (4) of the thirty-five (35) contributors are Americans, in the sense applied to the word "American" by our Secretary of State, yet every subject is handled in such a way as to stimulate further investigation, and full credit is given to those who are endeavoring by original research to increase our knowledge of special subjects. In reviewing a book of this kind it is impossible to take a specific subject and to state what should or should not have been mentioned. The contributors are no doubt in possession of what has been mentioned in previous editions of the "Annual" on their subjects, and are in consequence better able to select their material than we who have at most only

two (2) or three (3) numbers on our shelves. I can only suggest, from the standpoint of a general practitioner, that certain common disorders have not been given the space they warrant. "Headaches," for instance, is given four (4) lines under the heading of "Pyramidon," page 49, while "Ocular Headaches" are discussed at length on pages 608 and 609. Taking the book as a whole, one is justified in saying that it is well worth the money and the time spent in its perusal.

G. H. R.

Gynecology.—By HENRY J. GARRIGUES, A. M., M. D., New York. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. Price, cloth bound, \$3.00.

The first quarter of the book deals with general considerations, while the last three-quarters is devoted to special conditions. This work is intended for students, and only aims to set forth essentials without being in any way exhaustive. It is exceedingly well written, clear and concise. In many respects it is an ideal text-book for students, being brief, logical and practical. Some of the subjects, however, are treated with dangerous brevity. This can be best illustrated by reference to the chapter on "Diseases of the Perineum." Here the structure of the pelvic floor is admirably illustrated by four plates, but only the experienced gynecologist would understand the full significance of these plates without explanatory text. This chapter, to fulfill the needs of a good text-book, should briefly but adequately describe the muscular and fascial construction of the pelvic floor; should demonstrate clearly the relatively greater importance of some of these parts, and should show in the operations demonstrated that great mechanical principles of construction were being carried out. The failure to do this makes this chapter dangerously weak. It is a few such weak spots as illustrated by this chapter that detract greatly from the value of this work, which, with a few well-chosen additions, would make a splendid text-book. W. F. B. W.

Literary Note.

J. B. Lippincott Company announce that they will publish during the present year a translation by Dr. Albion Walter Hewlett of the Third German Edition of the "Principles of Clinical Pathology," by Dr. Rudolf Krehl, with an introduction by Dr. Wm. Osler, of Johns Hopkins University. The work is well known in this country and in Europe as an authority upon the subjects treated, and has been copyrighted in the United States under the Interim Copyright Act.

REGISTER CHANGES.

Those members who desire to keep their Registers corrected up to date should check this list carefully. In the following will be found all the official changes (in California) received from the 15th to the 15th.

Adams, H. G., from 622 G st., Sacramento, to Pacific Beach, San Diego Co. Hrs., 1-2 and 7-8 P. M. Anderson, Thomas B., from 1433 D st. to Granger Bldg., San Diego. Hrs. 10-12 A. M. and 3-5 P. M. Apple, Wm. W., from 411 Douglas Bldg., Los Angeles, to Young's Creek, Indiana. Arthur, Chas., from 1632 Sacramento st., San Francisco, to Sonoma. Hrs. 10 A. M. to 12 M. Austin, S. A., from 719 S. Spring st. to 306 Laughlin Bldg., Los Angeles. Hrs. 10-12 A. M. and 1-3 P. M.

Barber, F. Allen, from 927 7th st. to 805 F st., San Diego. Hrs. 9-10 A. M. and 2-4 P. M. Baum, Maurice L., from add. unknown to German Hospital, San Francisco. Bishop, Andrew B., from San Jose to 1115 S. Hill st., Los Angeles, Cal. Bowers, Mary Bird, from 1378 Masonic ave. to 1457 Leavenworth st., San Francisco (not practicing at present). Brown, Robert S., from Magalia to Stirling City, Butte Co. Browning, Chas. C., from Highland to Monrovia, Los Angeles Co.

Callinan, D. F., Jr., from 932 14th st. to 1065 Washington st., Oakland. Hrs. 1-3 and 7-8 P. M. Chambers, W. G., from 1223 W. Adams st. to 304-306 Laughlin Bldg., Los Angeles. Claves, Wellington I., from 156

4th st. to 75A Howard st., San Francisco. Hrs. 1-3 and 7-8 P. M.; Sun., 12-1 P. M. Cotter, P. Gregory, from Trust Bldg. to Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles. Hrs. 11-12 A. M. and 2-4 P. M.; Sun., 9-10 A. M. Cox, Thomas F., from 1005 K st. to 801 H st., Sacramento. Hrs. 1-3 and 7-8 P. M. Craycroft, Harry J., from 1006 N st., Fresno, to Shaver, Fresno Co. Crediford, D. B., from Covina, Los Angeles Co., to Rialto, San Bernardino Co.

Delamere, H. S., from Cloverdale, Sonoma Co., to Ferndale, Humboldt Co.

Fine, Henry M., from 1020 Jackson st. to 521 12th st., Oakland. Hrs. 10-11 A. M. and 3-5 P. M. Franklin, W. Scott, from 751 Sutter st. to Dana Bldg., 218 Stockton st., San Francisco.

Geraldson, Lena A., from San Francisco to Newcastle, Placer Co. Gibbs, Judson S., from Grevelia and Perlermo sts., Los Angeles, to South Pasadena. Hrs. 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

Harvey, Geo. W., from Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co., to Pittville, Shasta Co. Higgins, C. P., from 263 7th ave., San Francisco, to 1579 24th ave., East Oakland.

Hinckley, J. P., from Ventura to Fillmore, Ventura Co. Huntley, Arthur C., from 973 Sutter st. to 1952 Devisadero st., San Francisco. Hrs. 1-3 and 7-8 P. M.

Kelly, A. S., from 1155 Broadway to 1111 Washington st., Oakland. Hrs. 2-4 and 7-7:45 P. M. Keyes, Henry S., from 418 Crocker st. to Emergency and General Hospital, Los Angeles. King, Jos. M., from 217 S. Broadway to 324 Douglas Bldg., Los Angeles. Kirchhoffer, F., from 2610 Howard st. to 234 Bartlett st., San Francisco. Kurozawa, K., from 322½ O'Farrell st. to 3 Monroe st., San Francisco. Kugeler, H., from 813 Sutter st. to Dana Bldg., 218 Stockton st., San Francisco.

Leonard, E. L., from Braly Bldg. to 343-344 Douglas Blk., Los Angeles. Lorentzen, H. L., from Petaluma, Sonoma Co., to 488 Eddy st., San Francisco. Lorini, Raffaele, from 2720 Sacramento st., San Francisco to Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, San Diego Co. (Name appears in Register as Rachael Lorini, correct to Raffaele Lorini.)

McCarthy, Dalton S., from Bradbury Bldg. to Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles. McGettigan, C. D., from 223 Powell st. to Dana Bldg., 218 Stockton st., San Francisco. Hrs. 2-4 P. M. daily and 7-8 P. M. Tues. and Fri. McQuiston, Caroline, from 1329 Grand ave., Los Angeles, to 655 N. Fair Oaks ave., Pasadena. McRae, Donald M., from 1111 Washington st. to 1214 10th st., Oakland. Means, Samuel Wm., from 807 Sutter st. to 973 Sutter st., San Francisco. Hrs. 3-5 and 7-8 P. M. Mendell, Louis C., from 2932 Washington st. to 2148 Broderick st., San Francisco. Miller, James Theodore, from 1451 Iowa st., to 1207½ W. Washington st., Los Angeles. Hrs. 10-12 A. M. and 2-4 P. M. Mills-paugh, Willard P., from 321 Bradbury Blk. to 336 Bradbury Blk., Los Angeles. Hrs. 9-11 daily and 1-3, ex. Tues. and Fri. Moore, Edw. C., from 800 Alvarado st. to 337 Hellman Blk., Los Angeles. Hrs. 11-12 A. M. and 1-4 P. M. Morgan, A., from 1057 to 1066 6th st., San Diego. Hrs. 11-12 A. M. and 2-4 P. M.

Nagle, C. S. G., from 731 Sutter st. to 1919 Vallejo st., San Francisco. Nelson, Thomas J., from Bryson Blk. to 609 E. 6th st., Los Angeles. Hrs. 1-4 P. M.

Perry, Carl D., from 110 Blackstone ave. to 106-107 Forsyth Blk., Fresno. Hrs. 10-12 A. M. and 2-5 and 7-8 P. M. Pillsbury, Ernest S., from 360 Wilcox Bldg. to 735 Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles. Pitcher, Josephine, from add. unk. to Children's Hospital, San Francisco.

Renshaw, J. B., from 411 W. 7th st., Los Angeles, to Los Vegas, Lincoln Co., Nevada.

Shafer, J. E., from San Diego to Postoffice Bldg., Berkeley, Alameda Co. Hrs. 2-4 P. M. Shepard, C. A., from Riverside to Needles, San Bernardino Co. Hrs. 9-12 A. M. and 1-3 P. M. Stewart, Dudley W., from 116 Stimson Blk. to 217 Henne Bldg., Los Angeles. Hrs. 9-11 A. M. Stibbens, F. H., from 3038 16th st., San Francisco, to Jamestown, Tuolumne Co.

Taggart, Thos. E., from 110 Geary st. to 121 Geary st., San Francisco. Hrs. 1-4 P. M. Teass, Chester J.,